

1 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 122**

2 (By Delegates Fleischauer, Marshall, Barill,
3 Longstreth, Manypenny, Manchin, Pethtel,
4 Caputo and Pasdon)
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6 Requesting the Division of Highways to name bridge number 31-
7 119/39-0.12 crossing over Deckers Creek in Morgantown,
8 Monongalia County, the "John W. Pyles Bridge".

9 WHEREAS, John W. Pyles has devoted fifty-three years of his
10 life in service to Monongalia County and the community of
11 Morgantown; and

12 WHEREAS, John W. Pyles, as an elected representative of the
13 West Virginia House of Delegates, worked tirelessly to better the
14 quality of life in Monongalia County and Morgantown; and

15 WHEREAS, John W. Pyles served as the leader of the Democratic
16 Party and Assessor of Monongalia County and then was elected as a
17 member of the County Commission; and

18 WHEREAS, John W. Pyles volunteered his time and talents serving
19 in many capacities on Morgantown and Monongalia County Boards and
20 Committees such as the United Way of Monongalia and Preston
21 Counties, Monongalia County Development Authority, Metropolitan
22 Foundation Board, Morgantown Convention and Visitors Bureau, Main
23 Street Morgantown, Monongalia County Historical Landmarks Committee
24 and the Greater Morgantown Community Trust; and

25 WHEREAS, John W. Pyles was a founder of the Morgantown
26 Celebration of America Committee to observe the birth of our great

1 nation on July 4th, with special recognition of veterans and other
2 community members who worked faithfully in service to America; and

3 WHEREAS, John W. Pyles proposed and obtained funding for the
4 Veterans Plaza at the Monongalia County Court House Square that
5 recognizes veterans of all wars; and

6 WHEREAS, John W. Pyles spearheaded the renaming of South
7 University Avenue in Morgantown as Don Knotts Boulevard and is
8 currently working to place a statue of Don Knotts on the Boulevard;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, John W. Pyles, in 1998, worked with Governor Cecil
11 Underwood to gain state funding to replace the South High Street
12 Bridge when it fell into complete disrepair; and

13 WHEREAS, It is fitting to honor John W. Pyles for his
14 commitment, dedication and public service to Morgantown, Monongalia
15 County and the State of West Virginia; therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

17 That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to name
18 bridge number 31-119/39-0.12 crossing over Deckers Creek in
19 Morgantown, Monongalia County, the "John W. Pyles Bridge"; and, be
20 it

21 *Further Resolved*, That the Division of Highways is requested
22 to have made and be placed signs identifying the bridge as the
23 "John W. Pyles Bridge"; and, be it

24 *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates
25 forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the

1 Department of Transportation and John W. Pyles.